Directions have been issued under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act to defaulting units. In certain sub-judice cases, the final decision of the courts is awaited.

Saline Water Aquaculture

1625. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether saline water aquaculture still exists in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details of the fish production during each of the last three years;

(c) whether there is a ban on the inland aquaculture; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. There are three Brackishwater Fish Farmers' Development Agencies (BFDAs) operating in the districts of Surat, Valsad and Bharuch. The total shrimp production in the State of Gujarat during each of the last three years was as under :

Year	Shrimp production (MT)
1993-94	500
1994-95	700
1995-96	546

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

Foodgrains Stock/Distribution

1626. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI :
VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI :
SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the stock of foodgrains in the Central pool as on 1.4.96 and addition thereto during April-November 1996 foodgrain-wise;

(b) the quantity of foodgrains released to each State during the said period, food grain-wise;

(c) the loss if any due to wastage and pilferage during the said period; and

(d) the average monthly off-take from release from the Central stocks?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) The stock of rice and wheat in the Central Pool as on 1.4.96 (P)* were estimated at 13.97 million tonnes and 8.17 million tonnes respectively. A quantity of 6.18 million tonnes of rice and 8.18 million tonnes of wheat has been procured for the Central Pool during the period April to the 26th November, 1996.

(b) A statement showing quantity of rice and wheat allotted to each State for the period April to November, 1996 is enclosed.

(c) A quantity of 5.70 quintals (approximately) of rice was lost due to pilferage/theft during the period.

(d) The average monthly off-take of rice and wheat from Central Pool for Public Distribution System by States/UTs, Defence Services etc. during the period April to October, 1996 is 9.26 lakh tonnes and 6.42 lakh tonnes respectively. The total offtake for PDS, and other Welfare Schemes including open sale is of the order of 10.37 lakh tonnes of rice and 8.84 lakh tonnes of wheat per month on an average during the same period.

*P = Provisional

STATEMENT

Allotment of Rice and Wheat from Central Pool during April'96 to November'96

(In '000 Tonnes)

S.No.	States/UT	Rice	Wheat	Total
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1680.00	120.00	1800.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	70.80	4.80	75.60
3.	Assam	421.40	238.50	659.90
4.	Bihar	255.60	469.20	724.80
5.	Delhi	160.00	450.00	610.00
6.	Goa	60.00	24.80	84.80
7.	Gujarat	236.00	428.00	664.00
8.	Haryana	40.00	132.48	172.48
9.	Himachal Pradesh	77.20	94.00	171.20
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	352.00	240.00	592.00
11.	Karnataka	964.08	238.00	1202.08
12.	Kerala	1215.00	405.00	1620.00
13.	Madhya Pradesh	370.34	380.62	750.96
14.	Maharashtra	572.00	640.00	1212.00
15.	Manipur	80.00	21.60	101.60
16.	Meghalaya	122.50	19.50	142.00
17.	Mizoram	60.01	15.90	75.91
18.	Nagaland	54.20	5.80	60.00
19.	Orissa	602.00	278.00	880.00
20.	Punjab	12.00	64.00	76.00
21.	Rajasthan	40.00	862.37	902.37
22.	Sikkim	38.90	8.30	47.20
23.	Tamil Nadu	1250.80	198.00	1448.80
24.	Tripura	129.60	14.40	144.00
25.	Uttar Pradesh	366.40	734.00	1100.40
26.	West Bengal	540.00	656.00	1196.00

1	2	3	4	5
27.	A and N Islands	30.00	9.00	39.00
28.	Chandigarh	2.40	14.40	16.80
29.	D and N Haveli	4.00	2.00	6.00
30.	Daman and Diu	4.80	1.60	6.40
31.	Lakshadweep	6.30	0.50	6.80
32.	Pondicherry	16.00	6.00	22.00
	Total	9834.33	6776.77	16611.10
	CRP/BSF	12.00	20.00	32.00
	Defence	112.50	135.00	247.50
	Bhutan	14.80	13.60	23.40
	Grand Total (All-India)	9973.63	6945.37	16919.00

(P) = Provisional
(Neg) = Below 50 Tonnes

[English]

Mangalore Fertilizer and Chemical Project

1627. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount required for the completion of the Mangalore Fertilizer and Chemicals Project;

(b) the amount released by the Centre; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Mangalore Chemicals and Fertiliser Ltd. is a fertiliser manufacturing unit in the private sector. It commenced production in 1976 after successful commissioning of the project. No amount is, therefore, required for completion of the Mangalore Chemicals and Fertilisers Project.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Supply of Ration

1628. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether many irregularities are being committed in the supply of ration to consumers by the Ration Shop dealers in Uttar Pradesh particularly in Kanpur;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry was conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the results of the findings and the action taken against the accused; and

(d) the measures proposed to be taken to avoid such recurrance of such activities in future?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (d). Operational responsibility for implementation of Public Distribution System is that of the State Governments and UT Administrations. Government of Uttar Pradesh have reported that it is not correct to say that many complaints of irregularities committed by FPS dealers are being received. However, at times complaints regarding irregularities are reported and immediate action is taken on the basis of enquiries done. The State Government has also reported that 170 FIRs have been lodged in the State and 42 persons have been arrested on the basis of enquiries and surprise checking done during the last three months. In addtion to this, 494 licences have also been suspended and securities worth Rs. 1,57,200/- forfeited.

In Kanpur District alone, 40 Fair Price Shops have been suspended and security worth Rs. 40,250/- forfeited during the last three months. In addition to this, seven FIRs have been lodged in Kanpur. Strict vigilance is being kept to ensure proper distribution of essential commodities.

[Translation]

Wholesale and Retail Marketing System

1629. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to modernise the wholesale and retail marketing system in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[English]

Use of Hindi in Offices

1630. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have undertaken a comprehensive review regarding the progress made in popularising Hindi as the National language for official use, by enhancing the status of Hindi at Regional/ National and International levels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the fresh initiatives taken/proposed to be taken for enhancing the status of Hindi and encouraging the